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NITRILE HYDRATASE ACTIVITY

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated February 4, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.